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Subject: RE: Pharmacy Waiver Request

Good Morning!

Trust you are enjoying this beautiful weather – One pharmacy question.

Rio Grande Hospital has a full pharmacy dispensing prescriptions for the four clinics that are served daily by courier. (Required contraceptives are available at each clinic.) The provider orders the medication and the medications are then delivered to the appropriate clinic just as retail pharmacies deliver to patients. The patient picks up the medication from clinic staff. Assuming this is acceptable?

Thanks for your help.

Carol

From: Alexander,Irmgard (HHSC) [mailto:irmgard.Alexander@hhsc.state.tx.us]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 9:44 AM
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Subject: Pharmacy Waiver Request

Dear Contractor,

In order to facilitate client access to contraceptive methods and related medications, it is required that all contractors have at least a Class D pharmacy at each Family Planning Program clinic site. For agencies who are unable to adhere to this requirement, the Family Planning Program allows agencies to apply for a Pharmacy Exemption (Waiver).

Our records indicate that the following Family Planning Program clinics do not have at least a Class D Pharmacy on site:

- B&W Healthcare Associates, 400 W. Plummer, Eastland TX 76448
- Brazos Medical Associates, 4112 E. 29th Street, Bryan TX 77802
- Cheng Chien Song, MD, 1001 12st St. Fort Worth TX 76104
- Christy Scoggins Family Clinic, 1712 Hwy. 1431 W, Marble Falls, Burnet 78654
- Community Wellness Clinic Family Planning Clinic, 201 Enterprise Row, Conroe TX. 77301
- Eliod Acevedo, MD, 1405 Jacaman Rd. Suite 101, Laredo TX. 78041
- Health4U Clinic, 3824 Yucca Ave., Fort Worth TX 76111
- Health4U Clinic, 1321 E Pioneer Pkwy, Arlington 76010
- Health Now Family Practice, 1700 N. Hampton Rd. Desoto TX. 75115
- Hillside Family Health Clinic PA, 7130 Bell Street, Amarillo TX. 79109
- Michael A. McFarland M.D., 1105 Oak Suite A, Jourdanton, TX 78026
- Rio Grande Women's Clinic Alamo, 427 E. Duranta Ave. Alamo TX 78516
- Rio Grande Women's Clinic Edinburg, 2502 E. Richardson Rd., Edinburg TX 78542
- Rio Grande Women's Clinic -La Joya, 1000 E. Expressway 83, La Joya TX 78560

- Rio Grande Women's Clinic Alamo, 222 East Ridge Road, Mc Allen TX 78501
- Tenison Women's Health Center, 5505 Broadway Blvd. Garland TX 75043
- Tenison Women's Health Center, 617 West Moore Ave., Terrell TX 75160
- Treat Now Family Clinic, 2916 Kraft Street, Arlington, TX 76010
- Treat Now Family Clinic, 108 A SW 6th Ave. Mineral Wells TX 76067
- Tyler Family Circle of Care, 928 N. Glenwood Blvd., Tyler TX 75702
- Valley Women's Care PLLC, 1900 S. Jackson Rd. McAllen TX 78503
- Webster Family Care, 200 Medical Center Blvd, Webster TX 77598

To request a Pharmacy Waiver, please submit the following documents for each clinic site:

1. A completed Class D Pharmacy License Exemption request form (attached).
2. A written policy that ensures clients can obtain prescribed medication refills from the cooperating pharmacy/pharmacies without an additional clinic visit (unless medically indicated/necessary).
3. A copy of a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with referral pharmacies. The MoUs must:
 - a. include the purpose of the agreement;
 - b. specify the coordination between the contractor and the referral pharmacy/pharmacies to provide the following medications:
 - non-clinician administered hormonal contraceptive methods [oral contraceptives; transdermal hormonal contraceptives (patch); and vaginal hormonal contraceptives (ring)];
 - anti-infective medications for the treatment of STIs and other infections; and
 - c. describe how the agreement made with referral pharmacy/pharmacies reduces barriers to the clients receiving the prescribed medication(s); and
 - d. contain language that ensures clients will receive medications at no additional cost.

Documents must be submitted as one package not later than 5 business days after receipt of this message to: irmgard.alexander@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Pharmacy waivers are not approved until you receive official notification from the Family Planning Program.

Thank you,
HHSC Family Planning Program

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